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In re: Lloyd R. Anderson
Appl. No.: 10/643,780
Filed: August 19, 2003
For: RIGID BALLOON

Confirmation No.: 4113
Art Unit: 3711
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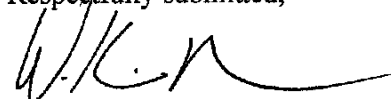
Attached are two Information Disclosure Statements (IDS) that were previously submitted in a timely manner in the above-referenced case. The above case has been allowed, but Applicant has yet to receive initialed copies of these IDSs from the Patent Office evidencing the Examiner's consideration of the IDSs. Below is a list of the IDSs and copies are enclosed herewith:

- 1) IDS filed November 25, 2003
- 2) IDS filed June 30, 2004
- 3) IDS filed May 31, 2005
- 4) IDS filed October 27, 2005

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the materials cited in these IDSs and return initialed copies to Applicant's counsel in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and Section 609 of the MPEP. Applicant has not resubmitted copies of foreign references or non-patent documents, as copies of these should already be in the file. Applicant will provide such copies on request.

Applicant notes that there is no fee due for the resubmittal of these IDSs, as they were previously timely submitted in the application. Applicant does not authorize charging of the Deposit Account for any fees relating to resubmittal of these IDSs.

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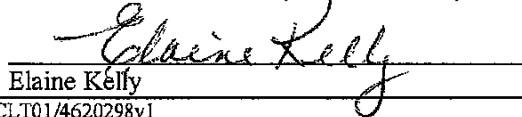


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	1	US-4,032,086	06-28-1977	Cooke	
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	3	US-4,113,206	09-12-1978	Wheeler	
	4	US-4,925,426	05-15-1990	Lovik	
	5	US-5,115,997	05-26-1992	Peterson	
	6	US-5,115,998	05-26-1992	Olive	
	7	US-5,334,072	08-02-1994	Epstein	
	8	US-5,882,240	03-16-1999	Larsen	
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	11	US-2001/0003505	06-14-2001	Bertrand	

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	12	JP 1238890	09-25-1989			

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	13	Prior Art Helium Chamber Device sold more than one year prior to February 14, 2003.	

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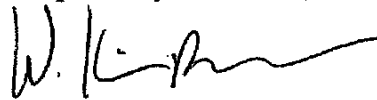
This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), before final Office Action or Allowance, whichever is earlier.

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the following statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is made:

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Each item of information contained in this statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this statement. In this regard, Applicants note that the communication from the foreign patent office was not received by any individual designated by 37 CFR 1.56(c) more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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	3	WO 00/10646	03-02-2000	Fire Flyz, Inc.		

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	4	International Search Report (EPO), dated June 8, 2004	

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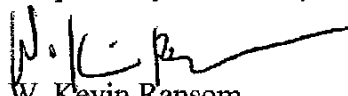
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	1	US-D349,593	08-09-1994	Hensley	
	2	US-D400,749	11-10-1998	Bechtold, Jr.	
	3	US-R35,571	07-29-1997	McLeese	
	4	US-1,190,743	07-11-1916	Pageol	
	5	US-1,960,474	05-29-1934	Browne	
	6	US-2,173,963	09-26-1939	Eubank	
	7	US-2,360,715	10-17-1944	Perry	
	8	US-3,602,930	09-07-1971	Channon	
	9	US-3,775,782	12-04-1973	Rice et al.	
	10	US-4,478,587	10-23-1984	Mackal	
	11	US-4,576,375	03-18-1986	Roberts	
	12	US-4,766,918	08-30-1988	Oderkirk	
	13	US-4,917,646	04-17-1990	Kieves	
	14	US-4,942,838	07-24-1990	Boyer et al.	
	15	US-4,944,707	07-31-1990	Silvergate	
	16	US-4,946,047	08-07-1990	Kurokawa	
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	18	US-4,976,642	12-11-1990	Wilkie	
	19	US-5,024,262	06-18-1991	Huang	
	20	US-5,045,011	09-03-1991	Lovik	
	21	US-5,070,807	12-10-1991	Lewis	
	22	US-5,334,067	08-02-1994	Henry et al.	
	23	US-5,338,243	08-16-1994	Kieves	
	24	US-5,385,518	01-31-1995	Turner	
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	27	US-5,718,612	02-17-1998	Elsholz	
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	29	US-5,885,123	03-23-1999	Clifford	
	30	US-5,976,023	11-02-1999	Cho	
	31	US-6,030,300	02-29-2000	Zheng	
	32	US-6,073,283	06-13-2000	Zheng	
	33	US-6,113,453	09-05-2000	Stuffelbean	
	34	US-6,170,100 B1	01-09-2001	LeGette	
	35	US-6,192,635	02-27-2001	Zheng	
	36	US-6,223,673 B1	05-01-2001	Mears et al.	
	37	US-6,276,979 B1	08-21-2001	Saltel et al.	
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	39	US-6,485,344 B2	11-26-2002	Arias	
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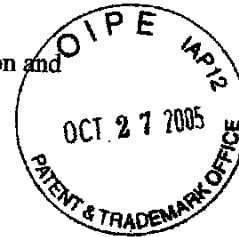
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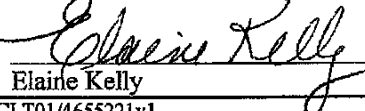
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